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Arnold AFB awards new support contract

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, Tenn. — The Arnold Engineering Development Center here awarded a contract valued at up to \$2.7 billion to Aerospace Testing Alliance for the operation , maintenance, information maintenance and support of center test facilities beginning Oct. 1, 2003. Aerospace Testing Alliance is a joint venture consisting of Jacobs Sverdrup, Computer Sciences Corp. and General Physics Corp.

The new contract is a cost-plus-award-fee performance-based services contract with one-year options that may be exercised by the Air Force through Sept. 30, 2015.

Selecting Aerospace Testing Alliance from among three competing joint ventures concluded an 18-month source selection process.

“This was a very competitive process with excellent proposals across the board,” said Navy Captain Larry Judge, the source selection team leader. “That strong competition resulted in Arnold Engineering Development Center receiving the best possible value for the Air Force and the American taxpayer while still providing the most advanced testing of weapons systems for our warfighters.”

Arnold Engineering Development Center is the nation's largest complex of flight simulation test facilities. The \$7.5 billion complex has some 58 aerospace test facilities located at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., and the center's remote operating location Hypervelocity Tunnel 9 in White Oak, Md. The test facilities simulate flight from subsonic to hypersonic speeds at altitudes from sea level to space. www.arnold.af.mil